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Dear Parents, Carers and P7 Pupils,

I hope you and all your families are well and staying safe during lockdown. Although this is a very strange time for us all, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Craigroyston Community High School after summer!

Starting high school can be very exciting but perhaps a bit daunting, so we want to do everything we can to make sure your transition is as smooth as possible. Due to the current situation, we are having to make some small changes to how we do things this year.

P7 Transition

At the moment, our teachers are working hard to ensure that everything is in place for our new S1s. They have been in regular contact with your primary schools and P7 teachers to gather and share information so that we can support you in the best way possible. Although you will not have the traditional three-day visit this year, we are hoping that we are going to be able to offer some form of transition experience. We are hoping that each of you will be able to visit the school before summer to meet with our teachers, have a tour of the school and find out about all the exciting things that Craigroyston has to offer! We will hopefully have more information on this soon!

School Uniform

At Craigroyston, we are very proud of our school uniform! Since we rolled out our new uniform three years ago, we have had great positive feedback from our pupils, parents and carers, the community and beyond.

At our school, young people are asked to wear our blazer; a shirt and tie; black jeans, trousers or skirt and black shoes or trainers. In winter, many of our young people also like to wear a plain black V-neck jumper. Included is a leaflet which outlines our uniform expectations.

In May, we would normally visit our primary schools to size our new S1s for their blazers. I know that our young people are usually very excited about this but sadly, we are unable to do that this year. Instead we have made a new plan so that everyone can have their blazer in time for August. Please come to school on **Monday 22nd June** or **Tuesday 23rd June between 9am and 3pm** so we can sort your blazer size. If we have a blazer in your size in stock, you can buy it then along with your tie. If we do not have your size, we can order it for you or you can order it yourself online. If you are unable to come on either of these days, please email me or message our Facebook group and we can arrange a different time for you. If you order it then, you can pick it up from school on **Wednesday 29th July between 9am-3pm** or have it delivered to your house.

The company we use for all our uniform is LogoXpres. I have included a letter which explains how to order online if this is your preference. I am aware that there are other companies who are also selling a blazer with our logo on it. Unfortunately, the blazers from these companies have a different sizing structure so if you do purchase it from one of these, we would not be able to exchange it if the blazer didn't fit your child. We're also aware that some websites have been selling a school jumper with our school logo on it – these have not been part of our school uniform for over three years and pupils do not wear these to school.

We recognise that purchasing uniform can be costly and we would like to help you solve any problem with this. If you have any worries whatsoever about this, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our main aim is to make sure that everyone is sorted with uniform for the first day of term and we will do anything we can to help you with this!

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

If you are eligible for Free School Meals, please ensure that you sign up using the link on the City of Edinburgh Council website:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/food-clothing/free-school-meals-school-clothing-grants/1>

You may also be entitled to a clothing grant. The link above includes more information about how to claim this.

The applications for session 2020-21 aren't currently open but please keep checking - this will be available soon.

Parental Engagement and Communication

We are really keen to make sure you know everything you need to know before joining Craigroyston. Although we send out letters and texts to parents and carers regularly, we also communicate daily on our Facebook and Twitter pages to keep you up-to-date with our school news. You are also able to message our Facebook page if you have any questions. Please join our general Facebook page which is Craigroyston Community High School. We have also created a page just for P7 parents and carers – this is entitled Craigroyston High School – P7 Parents & Carers. Our Twitter handles are @CCHSEdinburgh and @HTCraigroyston.

Placing Requests

We are aware that there are some placing requests to either attend a high school outwith our catchment or attend our school rather than going to a catchment high school. At the moment, all requests are being dealt with centrally by the City of Edinburgh Council and appeals are being discussed during the month of July. Please contact the CEC if you have any concerns or queries about this.

I am very excited to meet all our new S1s and welcome you into the Craigroyston family!

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to email me at

Shelley.McLaren@craigroyston.edin.sch.uk. We want to ensure that you're as prepared as possible for S1 so if there is anything we can help you with, big or small, please let me know.

Take care and stay safe!

Kind regards,

Shelley McLaren
Head Teacher